

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 30(c), Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The Legislature may provide that members of the governing board of a district or authority created by authority of Article III, Section 48-e, Article III, Section 52(b)(1) or (2), or Article XVI, Section 59, of this Constitution serve terms not to exceed four years.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to provide that elected members of the governing boards of emergency services districts may serve terms not to exceed four years."

Passed by the House on May 11, 2009: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 27, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Filed with the Secretary of State, June 1, 2009.

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## H.J.R. No. 102

### A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to protect the right of the public to access and use public beaches.

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 33 to read as follows:

*Sec. 33. (a) In this section, "public beach" means a state-owned beach bordering on the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico, extending from mean low tide to the landward boundary of state-owned submerged land, and any larger area extending from the line of mean low tide to the line of vegetation bordering on the Gulf of Mexico to which the public has acquired a right of use or easement to or over the area by prescription or dedication or has established and retained a right by virtue of continuous right in the public under Texas common law.*

*(b) The public, individually and collectively, has an unrestricted right to use and a right of ingress to and egress from a public beach. The right granted by this subsection is dedicated as a permanent easement in favor of the public.*

*(c) The legislature may enact laws to protect the right of the public to access and use a public beach and to protect the public beach easement from interference and encroachments.*

*(d) This section does not create a private right of enforcement.*

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to protect the right of the public, individually and collectively, to access and use the public beaches bordering the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico."

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## H.J.R. No. 116

### A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

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